

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORKSHOP
JULY 27, 2007

The Board met this date for a budget workshop. Present were Chairman J.N. Tuten, Jr. and Commissioners Gene C. Hall, Felix "Skeet" Joyner, Danny Monroe, III and Jerry Sutphin.

Also present were County Coordinator Roy Schleicher, County Attorney T. Buckingham Bird, and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Cathy Swartz from Department of Children and Families addressed the Board concerning children's medical care and asked for a proclamation from the Board. The consensus of the Board was to make this proclamation at the next Regular Session meeting.
2. Solid Waste Director Beth Thorne requested that some vehicle purchases be placed on the next Regular Session consent agenda.
3. Chairman Tuten informed the Board that a present client at the Industrial Park wished to purchase the building and asked that a commercial appraisal be done by Chip Johnson. The consensus of the Board was to employ Chip Johnson to conduct the appraisal.
4. Chairman Tuten expressed his gratitude to Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and County Coordinator Roy Schleicher for their work on the compilation of the budget.
5. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams recommended addressing the budget departmentally and asked if the Board had any questions regarding any department's budget.
6. Commissioner Monroe questioned the increase for medical examiner fees. Mr. Reams responded that this was one of the areas that was mandated.
7. Commissioner Joyner asked for clarification on whether or not building permit fees were waived for churches. Building Official Wallace Bullock responded that the fees were waived.
8. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams explained the State Court Administration budget was increased due to a metal detector being installed at the Courthouse Annex.
9. Commissioner Sutphin inquired as to why the County Court budget was decreased. Mr. Reams responded it was due to a decrease travel request by Judge Plaines.
10. The consensus of the Board was to deny the \$10,000 request from Wilderness Coast Bookmobile.
11. The consensus of the Board was to fund the \$7500 previous year amount to the Chamber of Commerce instead of the \$15,000 requested.
12. Chairman Tuten presented the idea of bringing the Economic Development Council under the county umbrella. The consensus of the Board was to place this idea on the next Regular Session consent agenda.
13. Dick Bailar representing the Legislative Committee confirmed the committee's non-request for monies.
14. It was the consensus of the Board to fund the North-Central Florida Tourism Task Force in the amount of \$1000
15. Chairman Tuten stated that participation in the Shuttle was low and that the county as a whole did not benefit from this service.

16. Commissioner Sutphin disagreed and argued that one could not put a value on a human life.
17. Chairman Tuten insisted that he could not support the Shuttle. Commissioner Monroe sympathized with the cause but could not support it as well.
18. Commissioner Joyner commented that the Board had to look out for the best interest of the county taxpayers. Commissioner Hall commented that he would like the proponents of the Shuttle seek out additional monies through grants and fundraising.
19. Mr. Reams explained the methodology behind the Medicaid HMO budget amounts. Chairman Tuten explained this was a good example of money used for the disadvantaged.
20. County Coordinator recommended asking Mosquito Control Director Bob Glenn to explain his budget increase request. It was the consensus of the Board to reduce his request to last year's amount.
21. Property Appraiser David Ward explained his request had been reduced by the Department of Revenue.
22. Chairman Tuten recommended asking the Sheriff to explain his budget increase request.
23. Chairman Tuten explained that Supervisor of Elections Marty Bishop's budget request was increased because of the cost of additional elections.
24. The consensus of the Board was to take the Tax Collector's budget back to last year's amount and to call her in to the Budget Workshop scheduled immediately after the next Regular Session meeting.
25. On motion by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Monroe, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk